

東京医科歯科大学学位規則

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Tokyo Medical and Dental University Degree Rules

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Article 1 Aims

These rules set forth necessary matters relating to the types of degree conferred by Tokyo Medical and Dental University (“TMDU”), the methods of examining and conducting exams pertaining to theses, and other matters regarding degrees, in accordance with Article 13 of the Degree Rules (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture No. 9 of 1953).

Article 2 Types of Degree

- 2.1 TMDU shall confer bachelor, masters, and doctoral degrees.
- 2.2 Designators of specializations are appended to the names of the bachelor, masters and doctoral degrees conferred by the University, as follows:
 - Bachelor (Medicine)
 - Bachelor (Nursing)
 - Bachelor (Health Sciences)
 - Bachelor (Orthodontics)
 - Bachelor (Oral Health Care Sciences)
 - Masters (Medical Science)
 - Masters (Dentistry)
 - Masters (Medical Care Management)
 - Masters (Health Policy)
 - Masters (Global Health)
 - Doctor of Nursing)
 - Doctor of Health Sciences
 - Doctor of Physics
 - Doctor of Engineering
 - Doctor of Oral Health Care Sciences
 - Doctor of Medicine
 - Doctor of Dentistry
 - Doctor of Mathematical Medical Science
 - Doctor of Science
 - Doctor of Nursing
 - Doctor of Health Sciences
 - Doctor of Physics
 - Doctor of Engineering
 - Doctor of Philosophy in Oral Health Care Science

Article 3 Requirements for Conferring Degrees

- 3.1 In accordance with the provisions of the TMDU Rules (No. 4 of 2004), bachelor’s degrees shall be conferred on persons who have graduated from TMDU.

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- 3.2 Master's degrees shall be conferred on persons who have completed a masters course at a TMDU graduate school in accordance with the provisions of the TMDU Graduate School Rules (No. 5 of 2004; hereinafter referred to as the "**School Rules**").
- 3.3 Master's degrees can also be conferred on any person who satisfies requirements equivalent to the completion of a masters course while enrolled in an integrated doctoral program in the Nursing Innovation Sciences Track in the Graduate School of Health Care Sciences, in accordance with the provisions of Article 22-2 of the School Rules.
- 3.4 Doctoral degrees shall be conferred on persons who have completed a TMDU graduate school doctoral program, a three year, second phase, doctoral program, or an integrated doctoral program, in accordance with the provisions of the School Rules.
- 3.5 Doctoral degrees shall also be conferred on persons who have passed the thesis examination and exam carried out by a TMDA graduate school and have been verified as possessing academic ability at least equivalent to someone who has completed a TMDU graduate school doctoral program, a three year, second phase, doctoral program, or an integrated doctoral program; it is provided, however, that this provision does not apply to those whose specializations contain education courses offered in collaboration with overseas universities (the "**International Collaboration Track**") and those enrolled in the Track of Cooperative Doctoral Course in Disaster Nursing.

Article 4 Submission of Thesis

- 4.1 In accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of the preceding article, persons applying for the examination of their thesis shall designate the name of the specialization to be appended to the degree, attach the prescribed documentation to the thesis, and submit to the dean of the graduate course in which they are enrolled.
- 4.2 In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of the preceding article, persons seeking a degree shall designate the specialization to be appended to the name of degree, and submit their thesis to the dean, attaching the prescribed documentation.
- 4.3 In order to make the submissions described in the preceding paragraph, the recommendation of a TMDU professor, or assistant professor who is a member of the graduate course committee, is required.
- 4.4 A single copy of a self-authored thesis shall be submitted, although other academic articles may be attached as reference materials.
- 4.5 Once received, a thesis (along with any other academic articles attached as reference materials) will not be returned.

Article 5 Examination Fees

- 5.1 Persons requesting a degree under the provisions of Article 3-5 must pay an examination fee.
- 5.2 The amount of the examination fee referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be stipulated separately.
- 5.3 Once paid, examination fees will not be refunded.

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Article 6 Examination of Thesis

- 6.1 Upon receiving a request for examination of a thesis under the provisions of Article 4-1, the dean of the graduate course shall commission the graduate course committee or equivalent to examine the thesis.
- 6.2 Upon receiving a request for a degree under the provisions of Article 4-2, the President shall commission the appropriate graduate course committee or equivalent to examine the thesis, based on the specialization to be appended to the name of the degree.

Article 7

- 7.1 The graduate course committee or equivalent commissioned to examine the thesis under the provisions of the preceding article shall establish a board of examiners comprised of at least three full-time TMDU professors and examine the thesis; it is provided, however, that if the graduate course committee or equivalent deems necessary, it is able to appoint teachers from affiliated graduate school departments to the board.
- 7.2 At least one member of the board of examiners referred to in the preceding paragraph must be a professor if the thesis being examined is a master's thesis; at least two members of the committee must be professors if the thesis being examined is a doctoral thesis.
- 7.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 and the preceding paragraph, if the applicant is enrolled in the Track of Cooperative Doctoral Course in Disaster Nursing (the “**Joint Disaster Nursing Track**”), a board of examiners comprising at least five members shall be commissioned to perform examination of the thesis under the provisions of the preceding article.
- 7.4 The members in the board of examiners referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be selected from amongst all universities that comprise the joint education course.
- 7.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2, in the case of the International Collaboration Track, a board of examiners commissioned to perform examination of the thesis under the provisions of the preceding article shall be established for each thesis, after consultation with the overseas graduate school (“Affiliated International University”) that jointly created the educational course.
- 7.6 The members of the board of examiners referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be selected from full-time teachers of the Affiliated International University and experts from outside the university (excludes teachers from the Affiliated International University).
- 7.7 If the graduate course committee deems necessary in order to examine the thesis (includes the final exam/other exams), it is able to appoint teachers and the like from other universities, laboratories and hospitals with high standards to the board, of examiners in addition to the persons stipulated in paragraph 1.
- 7.8 If the board of examiners deems necessary for the purposes of examination, the board of examiners is able to request the submission of a translation or specimen, etc., pertaining to the thesis.

Article 8 Final Exam / Exam

- 8.1 Once the board of examiners concludes its examination of the thesis, it shall conduct a final exam or an exam on related subjects, based on the thesis.

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- 8.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, in the case of Joint Disaster Nursing specializations, after the separately stipulated five board members selected by the Educational Council for the Cooperative Doctoral Course in Disaster Nursing have finished examining the thesis, they shall conduct the final exam on related subjects, based on the thesis.
- 8.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, in the case of the International Collaboration Track, after the separately stipulated board members selected through discussions with the Affiliated International University has finished examining the thesis, they shall conduct the final exam on related subjects, based on the thesis.
- 8.4 The final exams and exams mentioned in the preceding three paragraphs may be oral or written.
- 8.5 Oral and written questioning (including in foreign languages) of any person seeking a degree under the provisions of Article 3-5 shall be performed in order to confirm that he or she possesses academic ability in his or her specialization that is at least equivalent to someone who has completed the second phase of a doctoral program at a TMDU graduate school.
- 8.6 The questioning in the preceding paragraph is waived for any person seeking a degree under the provisions of Article 3-5 who was enrolled in a TMDU graduate school doctoral program for at least 4 years and obtained the prescribed credits in the doctoral program stipulated in Article 20-3 of the School Rules before withdrawing from the university.
- 8.7 The questioning in paragraph 4 is waived for any person seeking a degree under the provisions of Article 3-5 within 8 years of spending at least 3 years enrolled in a TMDU graduate school doctoral program and obtaining prescribed credits in the doctoral program stipulated in Article 20-3 of the School Rules before withdrawing from the university.
- 8.8 The questioning in paragraph 4 is waived for any person seeking a degree under the provisions of Article 3-5 within 12 years of being enrolled in the Track of Nursing Innovation Science at the TMDU Graduate School of Health Care Sciences graduate school doctoral program for at least 5 years and obtaining prescribed credits in the doctoral program stipulated in Article 20-5 of the School Rules before withdrawing from the university.

Article 9 Examination Period

For master theses, the board of examiners must conduct the examination of the thesis and complete the final exam, or exam and questioning, within three months of its establishment; for doctoral theses, the board of examiners must conduct the examination of the thesis and complete the final exam, or exam questioning, within 1 year of its establishment; it is provided, however, that these periods can be extended by resolution of the graduate course committee or equivalent if special circumstances exist.

Article 10 Report of Examination Committee

After completing the examination of the thesis and the final exam or exam and questioning, the board of examination must promptly report the results to the graduate course committee or equivalent.

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Article 11 Deliberation by Graduate Course Committee

- 11.1 Pursuant to the report in the preceding article, the graduate course committee or equivalent shall deliberate whether or not the degree in question can be conferred.
- 11.2 The deliberation in the preceding paragraph requires the attendance of two thirds of the members of the graduate course committee or equivalent (excluding members who are overseas or on a leave of absence).
- 11.3 A resolution to confer a degree requires the agreement of at least two thirds of the attendees.

Article 12 Reporting to President

- 12.1 If the graduate course committee or equivalent decides that a degree can be conferred (includes cases in which the committee did not pass a resolution to the effect that the persons appointed to examine the thesis in accordance with the provisions of Article 6-2 are able to confer degrees), the head of the graduate course committee or equivalent must submit a report to the President attaching the thesis, a summary of the thesis, a summary of the examination of the thesis, and the results of the final exam, or exam and questioning, and provide his/her opinion to the President.
- 12.2 If the graduate course committee or equivalent resolves that the persons appointed to examine degree theses under the provisions of Article 6-1 are able to confer degrees, the head of the graduate course committee or equivalent must report to the President the items stipulated in the preceding paragraph, attaching the contents of the thesis and a resume, and provide his/her opinion to the President.

Article 13 Presentation of Degree Certificates

- 13.1 The President shall present a bachelor's degree certificate to persons deserving of bachelor's degrees, under the provisions of Article 3-1.
- 13.2 After determining whether a masters or doctoral degree can be conferred having considered the opinion referred to in the preceding article, the President shall present the appropriate degree certificate on persons deserving, and shall inform persons on whom degrees cannot be conferred accordingly.

Article 14 Format of Degree Certificates

- 14.1 Degree certificates shall take the form set forth in Enclosure 1, Enclosure 2-1, Enclosure 2-2, Enclosure 2-3, Enclosure 2-4, Enclosure 3-1, Enclosure 3-2, Enclosure 3-3, Enclosure 3-4, Enclosure 3-5, Enclosure 3-6 and Enclosure 3-7; it is provided, however, that subject to discussion with the Affiliated International University, the official language of the country in which the Affiliated International University is located, or the internationally recognized language of another country, or both, can be added to the form set forth in Enclosure 3-7.
- 14.2 Degree certificates for persons who have completed the course or program stipulated in Article 4-4 and Article 5-2 of the School Rules shall bear a declaration that the person in

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question has completed the course or program in question, as per the form in Enclosure 2-3, Enclosure 2-4, Enclosure 3-4, Enclosure 3-5 or Enclosure 36.

Article 15 Publication of Summary of Doctoral Thesis

Within three months of conferring a doctoral degree, TMDU shall publish a summary of the thesis in question and a summary of the results of examination of the doctoral thesis in question online.

Article 16 Publication of Doctoral Thesis

Any person on whom a doctoral degree has been conferred shall publish the thesis associated with the doctoral degree in question within one year, unless the thesis was already published before the degree was conferred.

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, if compelling circumstances exist, a person on whom a doctoral degree has been conferred can publish a summary of the thesis in question instead of the text in full, with the approval of the TMDU. In such cases, TMDU shall make the full text of the thesis available for perusal upon request.
2. The publication referred to in the preceding two paragraphs shall be performed online by TMDU.

Article 17 Use of Credentials

Persons on whom degrees has been conferred shall add the qualifier, “Tokyo Medical and Dental University” when citing their credentials; it is provided, however, that names of the universities that comprise the Joint Disaster Nursing Track can be added to degrees from the Joint Disaster Nursing Track, and the names of Affiliated International Universities can be added to degrees from the International Collaboration Track.

Article 18 Revocation of a Degree

- 18.1 If any of the circumstances in the following subparagraphs applies to a person on whom a degree has been conferred, the President can, after hearing the opinion of the relevant faculty meeting, or graduate course committee or equivalent, revoke the degree, make the individual return the degree certificate, and publicly announce said fact.
- (i) It is revealed that the degree was conferred as a result of fraudulent means;
 - (ii) The individual engaged in conduct that sullies the honor of the degree.
- 18.2 Resolutions of a faculty meeting pursuant to the preceding paragraph require the attendance of two thirds of the members of the faculty meeting and a vote in favor by at least two thirds of the committee members in attendance, cast by secret ballot.
- 18.3 In cases where the graduate course committee or equivalent passes a resolution pursuant to paragraph 1, the provisions of Article 11-2 and 11-3 shall be applied *mutatis mutandis*.

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Article 19 Reporting of Degrees

The President shall report doctoral degrees conferred by TMDU to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

Article 20 Other

Other than stipulated in these rules, necessary matters pertaining to the examination of, or exams for, masters and doctoral degree theses shall be set forth separately by the graduate course committee in question; it is provided, however, that matters pertaining to the International Collaboration Track shall be set forth separately through consultation with the Affiliated International University.

Supplementary Rules

1. These internal rules will take effect on April 1, 2004.
2. Procedures and other acts performed before these rules were enforced under the provisions of the former TMDU Graduate School Rules (No. 33 of 1975), before those rules were abolished, are deemed to have been performed under the equivalent provision of these rules.

Supplementary Rule (No. 3, enacted on March 6, 2007) (Extract)

1. Date of Enforcement
These rules will take effect on April 1, 2007.

Supplementary Rule (No. 80, enacted on December 22, 2010)

These rules will take effect on December 22, 2010 and apply from October 1, 2010.

Supplementary Rules (No. 43, enacted on March 30, 2012)

1. These rules will take effect on April 1, 2012.
2. Notwithstanding the amendment, persons who were already enrolled in the TMDU graduate school on March 31, 2012 shall continue to be governed by the previous rules.

Supplementary Rules (No. 71, enacted on May 30, 2012)

1. These rules will take effect on May 30, 2013 and apply from April 1, 2013.
2. The provisions of Article 15 (amended) apply to persons who were conferred doctoral degrees on or after the date on which these rules were enforced; persons who were conferred doctoral degrees before that date shall continue to be governed by the previous rules.

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3. The provisions of Article 16 (amended) apply to persons who were conferred doctoral degrees on or after the date on which these rules were enforced; persons who were conferred doctoral degrees before that date shall continue to be governed by the previous rules.

Supplementary Rules (No. 24, enacted on March 31, 2014)

1. These rules will take effect on April 1, 2014.
2. Notwithstanding the amendment, persons who were already enrolled in the TMDU graduate school on March 31, 2014 shall continue to be governed by the previous rules.

Supplementary Rule (No. 112, enacted on October 30, 2014)

These rules will take effect on October 30, 2014.

Supplementary Rule (No. 18, enacted on March 10, 2015)

These rules will take effect on March 10, 2015.

Supplementary Rule (No. 53, enacted on March 30, 2015)

These rules will take effect on April 1, 2015.

Supplementary Rule (No. 63, enacted on March 28, 2016)

These rules will take effect on April 1, 2016.

Supplementary Rules (No. 21, enacted on September 28, 2018)

1. These rules will take effect on September 28, 2018 and apply from April 1, 2018.
2. Notwithstanding the amendment, persons who were already enrolled in the TMDU graduate school on March 31, 2018 shall continue to be governed by the previous rules.

Supplementary Rule (No. 35, enacted on March 31, 2019)

These rules will take effect on April 1, 2020.

Supplementary Rules (No. 64, enacted on May 13, 2021)

1. These rules will take effect on May 13, 2021 and apply from April 1, 2021.
2. Notwithstanding the amendment, persons who were already enrolled in the TMDU graduate school on March 31, 2021 shall continue to be governed by the previous rules.

Supplementary Rule (No. 41, enacted on March 23, 2023)

These rules will take effect on April 1, 2023.

Form 1 (Bachelor)

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Certificate of Graduation

Degree Certificate

University seal

Domicile (prefecture): _____

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

This is to certify that the aforementioned individual passed the formal exams of the School of _____ in the Faculty of _____ in accordance with the rules of Tokyo Medical and Dental University.

_____ Dean of Faculty, Tokyo Medical and Dental University

Dean's seal

Having verified that the aforementioned individual has been deemed by the Dean of the above faculty to have graduated from Tokyo Medical and Dental University, I confer the degree of Bachelor (_____).

Date

President, Tokyo Medical and Dental University

President's seal

No. _____

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Form 2-1 (Masters conferred upon completion of the master's program in the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences)

No.: _____

Degree Certificate

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

The aforementioned individual is conferred the degree of Masters (____),
having acquired the prescribed credits and passed the thesis examination and final exam in the
Health Sciences and Biomedical Engineering track of the Graduate School of Medical and
Dental Sciences.

Date: _____

Tokyo Medical and Dental University

seal

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Form 2-2 (Masters conferred upon satisfaction of requirements equivalent to completion of a master's course while enrolled in the Track of nursing Innovation Science in the doctoral program of the Graduate School of Health Care Sciences)

No.: _____

Degree Certificate

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

The aforementioned individual is conferred the degree of Masters (Nursing) having satisfied requirements equivalent to the completion of a master's course while enrolled in the Graduate School of Health Care Sciences at Tokyo Medical and Dental University.

Date: _____

Tokyo Medical and Dental University

seal

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Form 2-3 (Masters conferred upon completion of a master's course in the medical sciences program for preemptive medicine in the Track of Health Sciences and Biomedical Engineering in the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences)

No.: _____

Degree Certificate

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

The aforementioned individual is conferred the degree of Masters (_____), having acquired the prescribed credits and passed the thesis examination and final exam in the master's program in the Track of Health Sciences and Biomedical Engineering in the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences. This attests that the aforementioned individual has completed the Integrative Biomedical Sciences course.

Date: _____

Tokyo Medical and Dental University seal

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Form 2-4 (Masters conferred upon completion of a master's course in the Clinical Epidemiology Program in the Track of Health Sciences and Biomedical Engineering in the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences)

No.: _____

Degree Certificate

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

The aforementioned individual is conferred the degree of Masters (_____), having acquired the prescribed credits and passed the thesis examination and final exam in the master's program in the Track of Health Sciences and Biomedical Engineering in the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences. This attests that the aforementioned individual has completed the Clinical Epidemiology Program.

Date: _____

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Form 3-1 (Doctorate conferred upon completion of a doctoral course in the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences)

Degree Certificate

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

The aforementioned individual is conferred the degree of Doctorate (____), having acquired the prescribed credits and passed the thesis examination and final exam in the doctoral program at the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences, specializing in _____.

Date: _____

Tokyo Medical and Dental University seal

No.: _____

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Form 3-2 (Doctorate conferred upon completion of a doctoral course in the Track of Nursing Innovation Science at the Graduate School of Health Care Sciences)

Degree Certificate

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

The aforementioned individual is conferred the degree of Doctorate (Nursing), having acquired the prescribed credits and passed the thesis examination and final exam in the doctoral program in the Track of Nursing Innovation Science at the Graduate School of Health Care Sciences, specializing in _____.

Date: _____

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No.: _____

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Form 3-3 (Doctorate conferred upon submission of thesis)

Degree Certificate

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

The aforementioned individual is conferred the degree of Doctorate (_____), having submitted a thesis and passed the prescribed examination and exam.

Date: _____

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No.: _____

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Form 3-4 (Doctorate conferred upon completion of a course in the Disaster Nursing Global Leader Degree Program at the Graduate School of Health Care Sciences)

Degree Certificate

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Student of: Tokyo Medical and Dental University

The aforementioned individual is conferred the degree of Doctorate (Nursing), having acquired the prescribed credits and passed the thesis examination and final exam in the doctoral program specializing in Track of Nursing Innovation Science at the Graduate School of Health Care Sciences.

This attests that the aforementioned individual has completed the Disaster Nursing Global Leader Degree Program.

Date: _____

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seal

No.: _____

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Form 3-5 (Doctorate conferred upon completion of a doctoral course in the Integrative Biomedical Sciences Program for Preemptive Medicine at the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences)

Degree Certificate

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

The aforementioned individual is conferred the degree of Doctorate (____), having acquired the prescribed credits and passed the thesis examination and final exam in the doctoral program specializing in _____ at the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences.

This attests that the aforementioned individual has completed the Integrative Biomedical Sciences course.

Date: _____

Tokyo Medical and Dental University seal

No.: _____

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Form 3-6 (Doctorate conferred upon completion of a doctoral course in the Clinical Epidemiology Program in the Integrative Biomedical Sciences Program for Preemptive Medicine at the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences)

Degree Certificate

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

The aforementioned individual is conferred the degree of Doctorate (____), having acquired the prescribed credits and passed the thesis examination and final exam in the doctoral program specializing in _____ at the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences.

This attests that the aforementioned individual has completed the Clinical Epidemiology Program.

Date: _____

Tokyo Medical and Dental University seal

No.: _____

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Form 3-7 (Doctorate conferred upon completion of an international joint doctoral program)

Degree Certificate

The individual named below is conferred the degree of Doctorate (____), having completed the joint doctoral program with a specialization in _____ under the agreement entered into between Tokyo Medical and Dental University and _____ on _____.

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Date on which degree was conferred: _____

_____, President of Tokyo Medical and Dental University

(President's seal or signature)

Number of degree certificate

_____, President of _____ University

(President's seal or signature)

Number of degree certificate

The specifications and format of the certificate used shall be determined through discussion with the Affiliated International University.